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No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.



Dear Friends,

Elijah was a prophet in Israel who was sorely discouraged with what he saw around him – people grabbing all the power and wealth that they could for themselves, and leaving the poor to fend for themselves. He spoke out against abuses, but no one seemed to care. In despair, he sat under a broom tree and asked the Lord to end his life.

God, however, gave him a response that showed the true power of love. The Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the “still, small voice” heard on the mountain. It was a voice that offered a future and a hope, and asked Elijah to return to his people and share that good news.

We, too, have each been given a voice to make a difference in the world. Our voices may seem small, but if the voice of God is a still, small voice – do we need more?

We are invited to speak up during a special series this summer – our salad suppers will take place on the fourth Tuesday of June, July, and August, when we will consider “Changes, Challenges, and Transitions” in our lives. (See inside for more information).

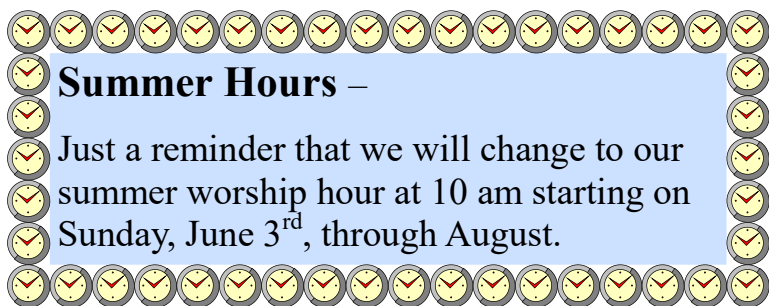
May you listen for the leading of God’s still, small voice as you walk through these upcoming days of summer. And may we each use our voices and all our gifts to bring healing and wholeness wherever God leads.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

P.S. Wishing a very happy Father’s Day to all on

Changes, Challenges and Transitions –

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month over the summer for a special Salad Supper series led by Ione Jensen on “Changes, Challenges and Transitions.” We will meet at 6 pm on June 26 (Changes), July 24 (Challenges), and August 28 (Transitions), for a salad potluck, and will work our way through discussing these three areas of our lives. Please bring a salad to share, and your own table service. Sponsored by the Health Committee.



Summer Hours –

Just a reminder that we will change to our summer worship hour at 10 am starting on Sunday, June 3rd, through August.



White Oak Savannah or Woodlands? -

The Earth Care invites you to a special meeting following church on Sunday, June 3rd to discuss use of a grant from the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation to plant a restoration of native white oaks and other native shrubs in the property adjacent to the

parking lot. You are invited to come hear the proposal brought to us by Matt Van Weh for our consideration.

Meetings and Events

Memory Café Memory Café will meet on Friday, June 1st for an end of the school year wrap-up on brain health, and for a short program by special musical guests. Please RSVP to Pastor Deb by Wednesday, May 30th at 503-689-4450 or debpaterson-home@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 5 —

- **Staff Parish Committee** will meet at 6pm, prior to Church Council.
- **Church Council** will meet at 7 pm. Please note that it is one week earlier than usual, as Pastor Deb will be out for two weeks in June on vacation with her family.

Tai Chi meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Thank you to Virgil Foster for leading this class — great way to improve your balance in a very gentle and peaceful manner.

Sharing Our Stories (formerly Coffee and Friends) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring a sack lunch to share and we will meet in Pastor Deb's office to "Share our Stories." Next meeting: Tuesday, June 19th at noon.

Blood Pressure Screenings continue. Thank you to Jane Dahl of the Health Committee for making this possible on the last Sunday of each month.

Save the Date – Camp Adams Sunday will be Sunday, July 29th. We will gather for worship at 11:00 am (please note later start time), followed by an all-church potluck.

Peace Camp August 6-10. Peace Camp is growing this year! We will include Pre-K through Grade 12, and will meet in the evenings from 5 to 8:30 pm – and it's free to all ages! We will start with a light supper, have programs, music, and fun! Save the dates, and tell your friends!



In honor of Father's Day

We will again be celebrating "Sock It To Me Sunday." Please bring socks for children or adults that will be delivered to those in need.

Father's Day Photo Display — Do you have a favorite photo of a father and child? Perhaps of you and your father, or a grandfather and grandchild, or a family history photo . . . The Art Committee would like to make a display for Father's Day Sunday, June 17, 2018. Talk to Audrey Yoder or Christine Foster for details.

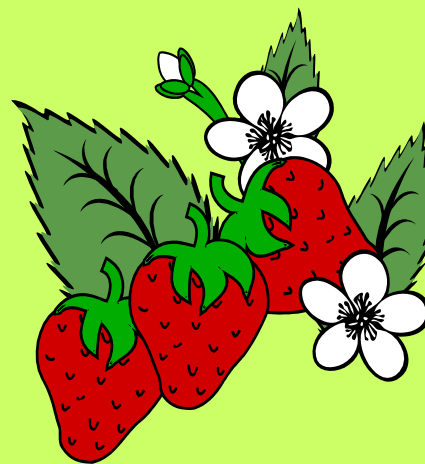
Smyrna United Church of Christ
Located 9 mi. S. of Canby on the
Canby-Marquam Hwy. (170)
Presents The 70th Annual
Strawberry Festival

5—7p.m.

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Featuring

Light Supper, Pie, Cake, Ice cream and...



Strawberries

Freewill donations will be accepted

Camp Adams scholarships are still available!
Please contact Pastor Deb or Sheila Daniels.



Click for Babies — Purple Hat Project

On Sunday, May 13, Sheila Daniels and Audrey Yoder explained the significance of the Click for Babies project during worship at Smyrna.

Thank you to the Smyrna crafters who crocheted and knitted the 73 hats which decorated the sanctuary!



Congratulations to Bryce Crispin, who has completed Army Basic Training! Onward!



Treasurer's Report

Balance 3/31/2018	(\$4,412.17)
Receipts	9,130.61
Expenditures	<u>6,243.02</u>
Balance 4/30/2018	(\$1,524.58)

24 Months to

When disaster strikes, what should you do? You could move away from the Northwest, but that would just allow more Californians to move in. You could build an apocalypse vault



and fill it with dried elk meat, but who has the time? You could curl up into a ball, close your eyes and plug your ears, but you're smarter than that. There's a sensible, cost-effective way to prepare. It involves taking things one step at a time over the course of a year. Breaking down tasks and shopping lists will make the work manageable and help you avoid overwhelming your schedule and your bank account. With the help of disaster preparation experts, we've crafted a month-by-month guide to get you fully prepped with the basics by this time next year.

Month 12

Hardware Store:

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| Crowbar | Pliers |
| Hammer | Whistle |
| Screwdriver | Metal Plumbers Tape |
| Extra Flashlight | |
| Extra Radio and Flashlight Batteries | |

To Do:

- Develop disaster supply kit for vehicles
- Take a First Aid Class

Mission Report

The council approved at its May meeting to accept the recommendation of the Mission and Outreach Committee. Three charities will receive \$500. each.

1. The local Habitat for Humanity
2. Palestinian YWCA
3. Church World Service for disaster relief in Puerto Rico

This money will come from the Oktoberfest Fund.

Thank you also for continued support of "Children for Change." Together with a donation from Stitch Club, money has been sent to purchase blankets for immediate response to emergencies. During the summer months, "Children for Change" money will go to KIVA. This is a micro lending organization of which Smyrna has a lending team. At this time our group has 27 members who have made 266 small loans totaling \$6,600. To learn more, go to KIVA.org. Loans can be as small as \$25.00 and when they are repaid, the money can be lent to someone else.

Meet our Confirmands

Confirmation Class – Six students completed Confirmation this year: Elsa and Lulu Anderson, Spencer Chapin, Sofi Davidson, and Imani and Tavi Robinson. We are grateful for these young people in our midst, and for all of our young people at Smyrna. Here is more information about the Confirmands.



Elsa Anderson is a 9th grader at Canby High School. Elsa enjoys playing for CHS and Crossfire Soccer teams, and is currently **also on Canby's track team.** Elsa is interested in journalism and nursing and one day hopes to attend college and continue traveling every chance she gets. She has been a regular attendee in the Smyrna OWL programs, and has been active in helping with the Intergenerational Art Nights.



Lulu Anderson is a 6th grader at Knight Elementary. When not at school, Lulu takes ballet, contemporary dance and aerial classes at Allegro Dance in Canby.

She is also active in musical theater and played the part of a pirate in Peter Pan this spring. Lulu loves dogs and has enjoyed being part of the confirmation classes.

Spencer Chapin is 8th grade at Baker Prairie Middle School. He plays percussion in band and jazz band, and is running for class officer. He is a tennis player, and will be starting high school in Spanish 3, and has been on the honor roll for all his years at Baker Prairie. He is going to Washington, DC with other 8th graders in June, and he has been part of the OWL program, and will be going on a band trip to Seattle soon.

Sofi Davidson is a freshman at Canby High. She has been in the Spanish immersion program since Pre-K. Sofi plays tennis for Canby High and loves Crossfit. She is interested in becoming a lawyer one day. Sofi has also been a part of the OWL program at Smyrna, and has enjoyed going to Camp Adams.



Imani Robinson is 14 years old and currently a freshman at Canby High School. She was born in Nairobi, Kenya – **her first name means "faith" in Swahili.** In her first year at high school, she participated in soccer, basketball and track. She also studies piano when she can fit it in. Imani participates in both the confirmation and OWL classes at Smyrna, and has attended Camp Adams for the last seven years.



Tavi Robinson is 13 years old and is currently a 7th grader at Baker Prairie Middle School. He, like his sister, was born in Nairobi, Kenya but has lived in Canby since he was 1 ½ years old. Tavi enjoys soccer, video games, and sleeping. His favorite subject in school is science. Tavi participates in both the confirmation and OWL classes at Smyrna, and has attended Camp Adams every year since leaving the 2nd grade.



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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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Please remember in prayer:

- David Yoder
- Ed Robinson,
- Bryce Crispin
- Janet Bridge (Jane Dahl's daughter)
- Blanche Kober
- Dan and Beryl Fisher
- Dan and Louise Allee
- Jean Epley
- Vonda Stoneking
- Kitty Aideen
- Mickey Hester
- Debbie Hancox
- and all those mentioned in church.

If you know anyone who should be on the prayer list in the Behold, please let Jeannie or Elaine know. If they would enjoy receiving cards notify someone in



Mission Statement

Smyrna United Church of Christ is striving to be:

- A place of peace, where we offer to all an extravagant welcome wherever you are in your life journey regardless of your ethnicity, marital status, religion, gender, race, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation, and where we teach the stories of God's love and call on our lives.
- A spiritual haven, where we accept and care for all people and God's creation in an outreach of grace.
- A lighthouse of God's compassion, where worship, teaching, learning and spiritual growth take place in community, powered by thought and action.
- A Christian people, working for God's realm in ecumenical harmony with other people of faith and conviction.